

DCI on [redacted]

1 October 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussion with the Director of Central Intelligence on
Deputy Director/Research, 0930, 1 October 1962

1. The DCI opened the subject by saying that he was seeing Scoville later this morning and that he was still not convinced that the present organizational setup was correct. I told him that the matter had been studied over a considerable period of time and that the logical organization left OSI in the DD/I area and TSD in the DD/P. He said that he was still not convinced. He said that he thought the Soviets were constantly beating us in the scientific and technical field, and that he was convinced that scientific and technical collection would surpass that by agents. He went on to say that in his lengthy experience in the engineering and scientific fields he had never seen an organizational setup like the one we now have which was successful.

2. He then asked the status of the Advisory Council which he wanted to have set up. I told him that I had tried on several occasions to get Scoville to take action to set this up, but that I consistently got the response that inasmuch as he didn't have either OSI or TSD under him, that he saw little purpose in setting up such a council. I told him that consequently I had asked [redacted] to take over this action and that I hoped very shortly we would be able to submit to him for his approval candidates for such a council which would work with Scoville as a top level scientific council. I noted that this would supersede the [redacted] group and would be the top level body in the Agency.

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3. The DCI then said that he felt our whole scientific effort was both unimaginative and not sufficiently aggressive and didn't make its weight felt in the government. [redacted]

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4. He went on to say that in the entire time that he had been Director he had never heard either Helms or Cline raise scientific or technical matters. He said that in fact the only senior officer that had discussed such items with him (aside from Scoville, I assume) was Sheldon, who had talked to him about COMINT and ELINT matters. He said that he felt our whole effort was very dissipated, that [redacted] was floating around in it, that there was GMAIC and JAEIC, and he didn't understand where they got their guidance. I said that I assumed Wheelon, who was Chairman of GMAIC, got his guidance from Cline and that [redacted] as head of JAEIC, got his guidance from Wheelon and, where appropriate, Scoville. He reiterated that he didn't think Cline paid much attention to scientific or technical matters.

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5. I asked whether he had seen any improvements or changes for the better and he said that he hadn't and that he hadn't changed his views and had been telling me these same things since January. I said that in view of the fact that he was meeting with Scoville this morning that I hoped these organizational issues would not be matters to be discussed, noting that Scoville had made no mention to either the DCI or myself of leaving the Agency, but that this did not necessarily signify his present feelings, because he hadn't in the past talked to either of us on this subject. The DCI said that he didn't care whether it was Scoville or who headed DD/R just so the place was organized properly and the job done correctly. He said he had no intention of discussing it with Scoville, but that he thought that he should sit down with General Carter and myself and thrash the entire matter out. I told him that I found his views on feeling that the Agency still wasn't performing satisfactorily in the scientific and technical field far more convincing than any of the jurisdictional arguments put out by Scoville. He said he would like to poll the Executive Committee and determine why each of them felt that this organization was satisfactory. I noted that there was no Executive Committee meeting today; he said he had no intention of conducting such a poll because it was General Carter's responsibility to run the Agency.

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